GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects under construction under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) during 2002-03;

(b) the total irrigation potential added under this programme so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to sanction more projects under it to augment the irrigation facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.261 for answer on 10-03-2003 regarding Irrigation projects under AIBP.

(a) to (d) :Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including irrigation and flood control primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves.

Concerned with a large number of major and medium irrigation projects spilling over into IX Plan, the Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP) during 1996-97 for accelerating implementation of such ongoing irrigation/multi-purpose projects on which substantial progress has been made and which are beyond the resources capability of the State Governments and for other major and medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and could yield irrigation benefits in next four agricultural seasons.

During 2002-03, 85 Major / Medium irrigation projects and 558 Minor Irrigation Schemes are receiving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under AIBP. An irrigation potential of 1974.042 thousand hectare has been created upto March, 2002 through the major and medium irrigation projects under this programme since its inception in 1996-97.

The Central Government is persuading the State Governments to submit proposals under this programme for early completion of pre-Fifth plan and Fifth plan schemes, which are eligible for CLA under AIBP norms, so that full potential of such projects could be utilized. Other proposals as received from the State Governments for major and medium irrigation projects and minor irrigation schemes are also considered for CLA under AIBP as per the norms.